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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL CHAPTER 61

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 48-1-10 et seq.

Notice of Drafting:

The Department of Health and Environmental Control (“Department”) proposes amending R.61-69, Classified Waters. Interested persons may submit comment(s) on the proposed amendments to Andrew Edwards, Water Quality Standards Coordinator of the Bureau of Water; S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, S.C. 29201; edwardaj@dhec.sc.gov. To be considered, the Department must receive comments no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 28, 2022, the close of the Notice of Drafting comment period.

Synopsis:

Pursuant to Section 303(c) of the federal Clean Water Act (“CWA”), South Carolina’s water quality standards must be reviewed and revised, where necessary, at least once every three years. Referred to as the triennial review, this required process consists of reviewing and amending, where appropriate, designated uses and criteria for the site-specific standards set forth in R.61-69. The Department proposes amending R.61-69, Classified Waters, to clarify and correct as needed waterbody names, counties, classes, and descriptions.

The proposed amendments may also include corrections for clarity and readability, grammar, punctuation, codification, and other such regulatory text improvements.

The Administrative Procedures Act, S.C. Code Section 1-23-120(A), requires General Assembly review of these proposed amendments.